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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hassan Sreenath

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For: METHOD FOR SIMULTANEOUS SACCHARIFICATION AND
FERMENTATION OF SPENT CELLULOSE SAUSAGE CASINGS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, Applicants respond as follows.

The Examiner identified four groups of claims: Group I claims 1-5, drawn to a method of producing lactic acid from cellulose sausage casings; Group II claims 6-9, drawn to a method of producing ethanol from cellulose sausage casing; Group III claims 10 and 11, drawn to a method of producing an enzyme by fermentation; and Group IV claims 12 and 13, drawn to a method of producing feed-grade protein.

Applicants elect Group I claims 1-5 without traverse.

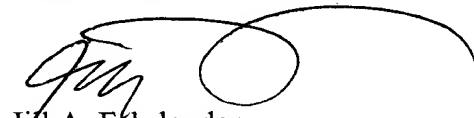
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This response is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension of time and by check number 45762 in the amount of \$55.00 for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). No other fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is owed, please charge such fee to deposit account no. 50-0842.

Respectfully submitted,



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